

Kaiser To Pull Out Of Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18 (AP)—The Oregonian said today that Henry J. Kaiser definitely is pulling his business interests out of Portland.

The newspaper reported that Kaiser's son Edgar said in a telephone call from Detroit that there was no choice but to abandon the Kaiser holding in Portland—the Swan Island operation.

There Kaiser had turned out scores of wartime ships and lately had gone into the ship repair business, employing 1,600 men. The reported plan for the future was to lease the island from the Post of Portland for a truck and bus-body fabrication plant.

Money Returned
The Port of Portland returned Kaiser's earnest money when a deadline for action passed without the war assets administration accepting the port's bid of \$400,000 for the facilities.

There remained a possibility that the ship repair business would continue. Jack N. Barde, president of the Barde Steel company, which also bid for the Swan Island facilities, said he would keep the operation going if the WAA would sell to him. A \$900,000 bid was made jointly by the Barde firm and Dullen Steel Products Inc.

Magnuson Opposes Shipping Bid
SEATTLE, April 18 (AP)—Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) said today he had expressed opposition to a bid by the Coastwise Shipping Lines, operating out of Portland, for participation in the proposed Alaska interim shipping program.

Magnuson said the program was proposed "for those serving Alaska and was not designed to help anyone else."

The interim program, designed to continue Alaska service while a permanent solution is worked out, calls for allocation of government-owned vessels on a "nominal" charter basis to Alaska Steamship company, Northland Transportation company, and the Alaska Transportation company.

Payroll Figure Shows Big Gain
SALEM, April 18 (AP)—Payrolls of firms covered by the state industrial accident commission totaled \$32,101,097, a gain of almost \$10,000,000 from March 1946, the commission said today.

Payrolls of Multnomah county firms totaled \$18,560,239, up almost \$3,000,000 from March 1946.

BLUFFER
CHICAGO, April 18 (AP)—Eugene Stendersen, manager of a currency exchange, is careful to an unidentified small boy who left a toy pistol at the exchange.

Shortly after the boy disappeared, a man approached the exchange, leveled a gun at Stendersen and announced a holdup. Stendersen seized the toy and leveled it at the gunman who fled.

Bright Future Forecast For Basin Agriculture

A potential program for future agricultural development of the Klamath basin was sketched by the Rotary club at noon today by Frank Jenkins, publisher of The Herald and News. The program, as he outlined it, represents a possibility based upon expanding markets in California, plus expanding farm acreage in the basin.

When present plans for land reclamation are completed, he told his hearers, we shall have in this general area some 400,000 to 500,000 acres of rich land under water. In addition to specialty crops, such as potatoes, vegetables, etc., this land will produce a tremendous tonnage of feed grains and hay.

This immense body of productive land, he said, is surrounded by one of the finest range areas in America. This range area produces meat animals in large numbers now, and with improvement in range practice will be capable of producing many more.

At present, he continued, we sell our feed grains and our hay in their rawest possible form. We sell our meat animals off of grass. Thus, in the case of both, we miss all the intermediate payrolls and all the by-products, which go to other areas.

"Why not," he asked, "feed our grain to our livestock, thus saving

for ourselves all these intermediate payrolls and by-products, such as fertilizer? Why not then take the logical further step and kill and pack our meat animals here, thus again keeping these intermediate payrolls and the resulting by-products at home?"

He pointed out that in the past such a program would not have been feasible, because the large consuming centers have been in the East, thus leaving us at the far western end of a 3000-mile rail haul, resulting in an unfavorable competitive position.

"But," he said, "the whole Pacific coast is growing swiftly. California is growing amazingly. Already Cali-

fornia's population is in excess of nine millions. Governor Warren asserts that within the present generation it will reach 20 millions, and his figures stand up under careful analysis.

"No large producing area in the West is as close to California's great cities as the Klamath basin. None has better transportation facilities for reaching the California market. With a market of 10 million to 20 million people growing up to the south of us, we should have no trouble in finding a profitable outlet for such a balanced industry as I have tried here to outline sketchily."

Now, he concluded, is not the time to bring to completion such a program, for markets for what we

have to sell are active and prices are fairly good. "But it certainly is time," he added, "to be laying plans for the future when our production will be heavily expanded and when we shall need the additional payrolls that can come out of intelligent development of the resources that are beginning to shape up here."

MEMORY TEASING NAME
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 18 (AP)—A St. Joseph, Mo., realtor told the Missouri real estate convention meeting yesterday "You probably won't remember anything I say but I'll bet you remember my name." His name is Early Bird.

Flashes Of Life

GRATITUDE
OSAKA, Japan, April 18 (AP)—A month ago Shigeo Iwamiya's money and valuables were stolen by another Japanese. They were recovered and returned by an American soldier.

Unable to speak English Iwamiya could only bow. The unidentified

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NEW GYM
LA GRANDE, April 18 (AP)—A remodeled gymnasium for Union's high and grade schools was assured by a 2 to 1 vote to approve a \$20,000 school bond issue at a special election yesterday.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

A Great Bunch
—Those Ex-G.I.'s

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There were about two hundred and fifty boys who came from miles around to a good old feast in Farmer Collins' barn. I expect they seemed a lot different to each other out of uniform. But they had a great time, spinning yarns, drinking beer, and talking over the old times in South Africa and Italy and the Aleutians.

I went over to cover the meeting

for the Clarion, and one thing that sure impressed me was their preference for a moderate beverage like beer—their friendly spirit.

From where I sit, our ex-G.I.'s are making as good a showing in peacetime as they made during the war. And they're setting a mighty good example to the rest of us—in tolerance, and moderation, and good fellowship.

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Tower "It's a Wonderful Life," starring James Stewart.
Pine Tree "Woman Chases Man," with Miriam Hopkins and Joel McCrea, plus "Riders of the Desert."
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